"'Death" and "Natural Deaths" have been clubbed together.

Poaching	:	1
Natural (Old age)	:	1
*Other Poisoning		
Infighting	:	1
Other		
Total	=	8

Tigers and wild Cats in different national parks

1903. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of tigers and other wild cats in different national parks and sanctuaries in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Assam and other States;

(b) how far the population of each species of tigers and wild cats has come down from census to census as per last three counts and the latest population figures in respect thereof; and

(c) the main reasons therefor and the steps being taken to preserve and promote these species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The population of tigers and other wild cats in different national parks and sanctuaries is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) There is no indication of decline in population of these wild animals.

(c) Following steps have been initiated to preserve and promote these species:—

i. Legal protection has been provided to wild animals including tigers against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

ii. Financial and technical help is being extended to the States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure to provide effective protection to wild animals.

iii. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders.

iv. The Ministry of Home Affairs has addressed all State Governments to lend a helping hand to the field formations to curb poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

v. A National Wildlife Action Plan (2002—2016) has been launched with several action points and priority projects for conservation and protection of wildlife in the country.

Statement

The population of tigers and wild cats in different national parks

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Tiger		Leopard		Asiatic Lion	
		1997	2001-02	1997	2001-02	1995	2001
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	171	192	138	505	Nil	Nil
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	**	**	98	NR	Nil	Nil
3.	Assam	458	354	246	248	Nil	Nil
4.	Bihar/Jharkhand	103	110	203	164	Nil	Nil
5.	Goa/Daman & Diu	6	5	25	41	Nil	Nil
6.	Gujarat	1	0	832	999	304	327
7.	Haryana	Nil	Nil	25	NR	Nil	Nil
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	821	NR	Nil	Nil
9.	J&K	Nil	Nil	NR	7	Nil	Nil
10.	Karnataka	350	401	620	NR	Nil	Nil

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.	Kerala	73	71	16	NR	Nil	Nil
12.	M.P./Chhattisgarh	927	937	1851	2206	Nil	Nil
13.	Maharashtra	257	238	431	513	Nil	Nil
14.	Manipur	Nil	Nil	NR	NR	Nil	Nil
15.	Meghalaya	**	**	NR	42	Nil	Nil
16.	Mizoram	12	28	28	NR	Nil	Nil
17.	Nagaland	**	**	NR	42	Nil	Nil
18.	Orissa	194	173	422	457	Nil	Nil
19.	Rajasthan	58	58	474	481	Nil	Nil
20.	Sikkim	**	**	NR	NR	Nil	Nil
21.	Tamil Nadu	62	60	110	41	Nil	Nil
22.	Tripura	Nil	Nil	18	NR	Nil	Nil
23.	UP/Uttaranchal	475	535	1412	2168	Nil	Nil
24.	West Bengal	361	349	108	331	Nil	Nil
25.	Dadar Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil	15	NR	Nil	Nil
26.	Andaman & Nicobar				NR	Nil	Nil
	Total	3508	3511	7893	8203	304	327

Nil : शून्य
NR : सूचित नहीं

Threat of prowling animals in Pir Panjal range

1904. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that residents of border areas on the hills of Pir Panjal range bordering Rajouri, Doda and Poonch districts in Jammu and Kashmir are constantly living under the threat of prowling wild animals without little help from wild life department;